DEWAN: Upon that question, I have expressed an opinion earlier in the day. In any case, you can have a separate reply given to you.

MEMBER: The control of poramboke lands by the municipality.

DEWAN: You will have a separate reply.

83. Needs of the Neduvankad taluk.

MR. M. SUBRAHMONYA PILLAI (*Member, Neduvankad taluk*) said that the present kist months were not at all suited to the convenience of the ryots. If the taxes were payable when the grains sold dear it would have helped the ryots very much. But now it was not so. The member therefore urged that the kist months might be changed from Tulam to Vrischikam and Dhanu and from Meenam to Medam and Edavam. This change had already been made in the Quilon division and it could be easily extended to the Neduvankad taluk.

In regard to agricultural development in the taluk, the member said that the tanks and chiras in the taluk stood in urgent need of renovation. Instances were also too many of landowners encroaching upon the tanks and waterways. These encroachments should be prohibited in future and trespassers should be evicted. Manure depots should be opened in each pakuthi and arrangements should also be made for supplying seed-bulls to cultivators. With a view to providing good manure to the cultivators, they should be permitted to collect green manure from the poramboke lands adjacent to their holdings. In order to extend the area of paddy cultivation, swampy regions within forest reserves should be disafforested and assigned to applicants.

84. Needs of the Neduvankad taluk.

MR. M. SUBRAHMONYA PILLAI (*Member, Neduvankad taluk*) said that in reply to his representation at the 23rd session of the Assembly about the necessity of capturing wild elephants making inroads upon plantations, he was told that the Conservator had made arrangements for driving them away. But the member failed to understand how elephants that came at dead of night from forests twenty and thirty miles away could be scared away by the Conservator or his subordinates. The want of alertness of the Forest Department in such matters was quite familiar to every one. Even when elephants attacked certain plantations in day time in the taluk, the department was very slow to take action; in fact they did nothing either to scare away the elephants or to capture them. The only effective remedy against the inroads of the elephants was to capture them and the Forest Department should be instructed to take urgent measures for the purpose.

In the matter of communications in the taluk, the ferry boat at the Aniyil *kadavu* should be restored. The foot paths from Kundamankadavu to Vellanad, from Aruvikarai to Nedunilipalam, from Nedunilipalam to Kallar, from Neduvankad to Aruvikarai, and from Pothancode market to the Vamanapuram road should be made cartable roads.

In the interests of public safety a Police Inspector should be posted at Vidurai and if this was not possible the present police station at Vidurai should be put under the charge of the Neduvankad Police Inspector.

Finally, the member requested that the two Arattu days in the Sri Padmanabhaswami temple and the *Thirunal* days might be declared as public holidays in the Neduvankad taluk.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Subrahmanya Pillai, I will take up the question of kist months again and see whether it is possible to do the same thing for the Neduvankad taluk as we have done for Quilon.

What is to be done for about elephants, I do not know.

MEMBER: Pits should be dug and the elephants should be captured.

DEWAN: Do the elephants come to Kottur?

MEMBER: Yes.

DEWAN: In regard to manures, I shall ask the Director of Agriculture to see whether he can arrange for the same by commission agents.

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